



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3341

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2008

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on July 30, 2008*

S. 3341 would permanently reauthorize and amend the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107). The legislation would require the government to establish a public Web site and require additional reporting by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and various federal agencies regarding federal grants.

The federal government has an Internet site for federal grants (www.grants.gov). This Web-based system includes information and applications for over \$400 billion in awards through 1,000 grant programs from 26 agencies. OMB reports that the Web site costs about \$12 million a year to operate. Based on that information, CBO estimates that continuing this level of effort would cost \$63 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. (That estimate reflects the 2008 spending level, adjusted for anticipated inflation).

S. 3341 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments by reducing the costs they incur to apply and report on federal grants.

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